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~~filled with a viscous fluid~~ is coupled to the reel ~~[to provide a retarding force that is proportional to velocity. The velocity proportional retarding force causes the rewind velocity of the reel to stabilize at a constant velocity. A unidirectional clutch is provided to decouple]~~ **by means of a unidirectional clutch, which engages the viscous clutch to the reel to retard the rewind speed, but disengages** the viscous clutch from the reel when the hose or cable is being payed-out ~~[thereby permitting].~~ **This permits** the hose or cable to be payed-out without resistance from the viscous clutch. ~~[By providing a]~~ **The** uni-directional viscous clutch ~~[that acts to retard only the take-up velocity of the hose reel, it is possible to provide an apparatus that permits]~~ **assembly thus allows** the hose to be payed-out at any speed while providing the substantial safety benefits of a viscous speed governor during ~~[take-up]~~ **rewind**.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 22 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 9-15, 17, 18 and 22 are rejected as claiming an invention that is not patentably distinct from commonly assigned patent no. 6,234,417 and rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 8, 16, 19, and 20 are objected to as depending on rejected base claims. Applicant is submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer, disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent that issues from this application that would extend beyond the term of patent no.

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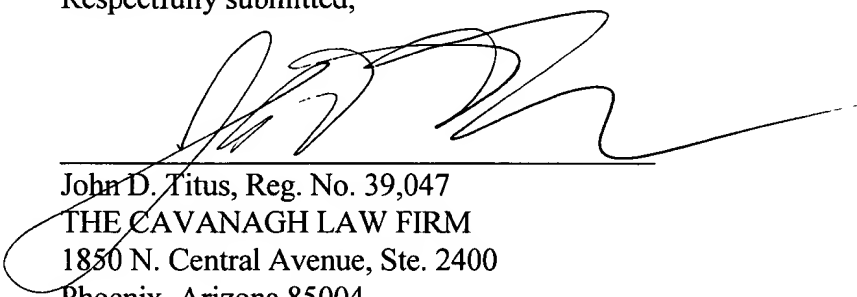
6,234,417, the inventions of which were both commonly owned by Coxwells, Inc. at the time the invention claimed in this application was made.

Conclusion

No new matter is introduced by the amendments herein. Based on the foregoing, applicants believe that all claims under consideration are in a condition for allowance and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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